

## SHARP SLUMP IN SUGAR.

Pool Brokers Openly Offer Large Blocks, and the Price Breaks Four Points.

General Advance in Stocks in the Morning, Owing to Cables from London.

COAL GROUP CONTINUES STRONG.

Reading Yields a Little, as Does Lackawanna, but Jersey Central Holds Its Own—No Fear of the Anti-Trust Procedure Bill.

Wall Street, Friday, April 24.

The reactionary tendency of the market continued today, although the stocks were strong and made general advances in the morning. The advance was influenced by cables from London and the disposition shown from that centre to resume purchases. This buying for London account was insignificant, however, and the traders took profits in the afternoon. This reaction movement was closed by a sharp slump in sugar, which broke a point and a half per cent, suddenly broke 4 points in the last hour. The pool brokers openly offered large blocks of the stock and ostentatiously assisted the decline. At the lower prices the same brokers began to put in supporting orders. The price, however, rallied about 1/2 per cent, only from the lowest closing, with a loss of 2 1/2 per cent.

The ostensible reason for the break was the passage of the Anti-Trust Procedure bill at Albany. The facts are that the pool has been steadily liquidating for a number of days, and is apparently willing to see lower prices. All of the unfavorable rumors regarding sugar shipments from India sources.

The passage of the Anti-Trust Procedure bill, which is aimed primarily at the Coal Trust, had but slight influence upon the coal group. Reading yielded somewhat, but closed at the same price. Lackawanna declined 1/2 point. Delaware and the advanced 1/2 point, while not a share of Jersey Central traded in. The sentiment which the managers of the coal roads went upon the two anti-trust bills passed by the Legislature is shown by the decision to advance the price of coal 25 cents per ton on May 1. The coal sales agents did not meet and formally vote upon this advance, but a general advance was reached and the new schedule will be issued next week by all the companies at the same time. This advance made possible by the unusually good business due to the lateness of the cold weather. Stocks have been pretty well run up and the coal roads have not been in a better position for a number of years to force higher prices.

The majority of stocks closed with net fractional losses. All of the Grangers with the exception of St. Paul were heavy in the afternoon. St. Paul was heavy in the afternoon. The unexpected poor earnings for the third week of April. There was much profit taking in Burlington, and ground that it had a rise of 1 point. The short interest has been driven to cover and the current coal movement is not and the large amount of coal is still being shipped. Whatever the reasons, there was a new demand at every fractional reaction.

Following are the sales of stocks and range of prices:

1310 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1311 Am. Express	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1312 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1313 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1314 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1315 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1316 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1317 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1318 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1319 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1320 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1321 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1322 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1323 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1324 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1325 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1326 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1327 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1328 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1329 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1330 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1331 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1332 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1333 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1334 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1335 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1336 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1337 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1338 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1339 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1340 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1341 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1342 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1343 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1344 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1345 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1346 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1347 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1348 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1349 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1350 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1351 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1352 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1353 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1354 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1355 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1356 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1357 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1358 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1359 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1360 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1361 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1362 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1363 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1364 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1365 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1366 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1367 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1368 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1369 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1370 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1371 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1372 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1373 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1374 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1375 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1376 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1377 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1378 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1379 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1380 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1381 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1382 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1383 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1384 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1385 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1386 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1387 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1388 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1389 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1390 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1391 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1392 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1393 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1394 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1395 Am. Tobacco	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1396 Am. Cotton	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1397 Am. Oil	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1398 Am. Petroleum	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1399 Am. Tea	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
1400 Am. Coffee	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2